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## Aruban Jeannette Richardson-Baars receives TIP Hero Award

Last Tuesday US Secretary of State Hilary Clinton named Aruba's Interim Commissioner of Police, Jeannette Richardson-Baars and Coordinator of the Task Force against Human Trafficking, a global hero in the fight against human trafficking.

Jeannette Richardson-Baars received this prestigious recognition because of her efforts to bring the fight against human trafficking to the attention of the Aruban community. She created a platform for collaboration which made it possible for stakeholders in Aruba and regionally to recognize, take action against and to sentence those who became guilty of human trafficking. This platform also provides the victims of human trafficking a safe place away from danger.

This US recognition is dedicated to Richardson-Baars' work in the Caribbean region and the efforts of Aruba to eliminate human trafficking, as stipulated in the section of the Traffic in Persons (TIP) of the US State Department. This section supervises how countries coordinate their efforts to eliminate human trafficking, which is considered the greatest crime against humanity of the 21st Century.

This recognition has come as a total surprise to me," said Jeannette Richardson-Baars. Apparently it was the US Consulate in Curacao who submitted Jeannette's name to be considered for the nomination of the TIP Hero Award. Under Jeannette's leadership, Aruba took giant steps to combat the trafficking of humans, through awareness campaigns.

Aruba implemented an intensive campaign to teach the community how to recognize the signs of human trafficking and what steps to take against this. The community was made aware that human trafficking and the exploitation and abuse of people in the area of prostitution or employment is a vio-



lation of human rights.

Jeannette said: "This is the result of not just my work, but the result of the dedication of everyone involved in the Task Force of Human Trafficking of Aruba. She indicated too that the Minister of Justice provided the opportunity and space for her team to work and that he too considered the fight against human trafficking extremely necessary and important for the welfare of the Aruban community.

Aruba received a good evaluation in the TIP Report of 2011. The report recognizes the efforts and steps taken at the

legislative level as well as in the level of local awareness. The report mentions the investigations conducted in Aruba, as well as the determination of the island to prosecute anyone participating in human trafficking.

Both the 2011 TIP Report and the TIP Hero Award are recognitions of Aruba's commitment to unite with the global community in the fight against human trafficking.

The Morning News joins with the rest of the Aruban community to congratulate Jeannette Richardson-Baars for her exemplary work and well deserved TIP Hero Award.

## Dutch Kingdom Ministers of Justice conclude productive deliberation



The Ministers of Justice of the Dutch Kingdom met in Aruba on Tuesday for the so called "Justitieel Vierlanden Overleg," the Four Countries Justice Deliberation. The deliberations were held in the prestigious Renaissance Convention Center with the following Ministers in attendance: Minister I. Opstelten of Holland, Minister E. Wilsoe of Curacao, Minister R. Duncan of Sint Maarten, and their host, Minister A. Dowers of Aruba.

Along with their delegations they discussed topics of common interest and matters of shared interest. The next Four Countries Justice Deliberation will take place in The Hague on the 12th of December 2012. The Ministers expressed that, without exception, every delegation came well prepared to the meeting, which enabled them to handle business efficiently and provided for an excellent atmosphere.

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Aruba's Minister Dowers expressed that the foundation has been laid for the continuation of these meetings and that they will continue to build on the positive relationships which exists between the Ministers of Justice of the Dutch Kingdom.

Minister Wilsoe of Curaçao commented that the topics that are discussed during this type of meeting are of general interest so that this Four Countries Justice Deliberation is an instrument that can ultimately help each Minister to serve his community better.

Minister Dowers summarized the topics discussed:

With respect to the Common Court of Law and the RST (collaborative work of police detectives), the 2012 budgets were approved. For the RST they received the annual fiscal and activities reports

For Warda Costa (Coast Guard) they decided to install a commission to revise their efficiency and expenses to reach a consensus regarding these matters.

A major topic was regarding the Public Prosecutor's Office. They discussed the recommendations dealing



with the carrying out of sentencing in the event of prisoner exchanges and how to deal with the expenses involved in such cases.

Another important topic deliberated which does not specifically relate to Aruba, but which must be reckoned with within the judicial sphere on Aruba, is the development regarding the "Raad voor de Rechtshandhaving" (the Counsel of the Maintenance of Law). According to Dowers, this is the institution that inspects the different judicial organizations, such as the Public Prosecutor's Of-

fice, the Police and the Guardianship Counsel (Voogdijraad).

In conclusion, the Minister also indicated that several laws were discussed, such as the new written Code of Law recently published for Aruba and different other topics like the improvement of the quality of our police service.

## Dutch help block weapons delivery to Syria

-- The Dutch navy was involved in the international effort to stop a potential weapons delivery to Syria, according to caretaker Minister of Foreign Affairs Uri Rosenthal.

The British Minister of Foreign Affairs William Hague says the ship in question, the MV Alaed, is on its way back to Dutch waters but Minister Rosenthal says the Netherlands played its role in the EU weapons embargo against the Syrian regime.

The MV Alaed is registered on Curaçao, one of the countries within the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Via authorities on Curaçao, an attempt was made to inspect the ship. The crew did not submit to the request for inspection and the MV Alaed subsequently disappeared from radar, after the signaling system was turned off. "This led the insurance company to revoke the ship's cov-

erage," according to Rosenthal.


There is no international weapons embargo against the Syrian regime, which means Russia is allowed to sell weapons to Syria. But the EU has implemented a weapons embargo, which prohibits insurance companies from providing coverage for ships carrying weapons to Syria. Uninsured ships are not allowed to enter most ports, which means they must either continue sailing in international waters or return to the port from which they departed.

Since the uprising began in Syria, in the first months of 2011, the United Nations estimates that at least 10,000 people have been killed. Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's government says it is fighting against terrorists and foreign elements, who are conspiring to undermine the legitimate government of the Syrian people. But the opposition and members of the international community have accused the regime of committing atrocities against civilians.

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## Government reaches agreement with Taxi Association and Airport

Last Tuesday afternoon the Minister in charge of Public Transport, Otmar Oduber, met with the Taxi associations, representatives of the independent taxi chauffeurs and the airport of Aruba.

The purpose of this meeting was to address and resolve the situation which surfaced recently between the taxi chauffeurs and the airport.

Six taxi associations were in attendance at this meeting together with representatives of the private chauffeurs. The Counsel of Ministers approved a protocol that was deliberated with the taxi associations and chauffeurs about a year ago. Later they added substance to the protocol and the Counsel of Ministers gave the necessary approval to implement changes to be made into laws, to take effect as of July 1st in anticipation of the law.

One of the changes is that as of now an assistant chauffeur may operate for the Taxi chauffeur and even use his



very own vehicle. This is contrary to the existing situation, where the assistant is obliged to drive the permit holder's taxi.

Also in the context of service and quality, the law now allows taxi drivers to import a work vehicle import duty free every three instead of 4 years.

Taxi chauffeurs can also go

on vacation now and during their days of vacation use assistant chauffeurs from the pool of drivers created by and registered with DIP.

With respect to the Airport, they discussed the monthly maintenance levy of Fls.8,50 for the purpose of maintenance and the improvement of the service rendered the taxi drivers. This

tariff is part and parcel of the reduction of the yearly wharf tariff of Afl.270 to Afls.125 per year. This tariff for both the airport and the wharf (where they had a similar situation) will go into effect as of September 2012.

The unpleasant situation that had presented due to misinformation from the airport was clarified and re-

solved. They have since decided to create a more just scenario in conformity with the existing rules with respect to the changes at the airport. They agreed that as of the 1st of September the new system at the airport will take effect and as of July 1st the airport will make it possible for anyone who wishes to offer their services to the airport, to apply for this. Later the necessary steps will be taken for everyone to obtain their license, and sticker. It is expected that by mid July the new infrastructure at the airport entrance will be completed.

They also agreed that the yearly tariff of Afls.125 will remain valid for a period of 5 and not for the previously accorded 3 years. The Minister also indicated that where ever there is room for adjustment or improvement, they will continue to evaluate and together with the airport make changes, as long as these are in the interest and for the benefit of everyone.

## The fine art of luxurious liquors with Rebecca Quiñonez-Regional Brand Ambassador



**Beto Wernet hands out half shot of Don Julia Real**

Romar Trading welcomed a contingent of island media to Texas de Brazil Restaurant on Tuesday evening, June 19, to introduce Rebecca Quiñonez, Regional Brand Ambassador for Ron Zacapa Rum, Ketel One Vodka and Don Julio Tequila, new brands being carried by the agency and available at the signature La Bodega Wine Cellar and Spirits Shop.

Rebecca, who originally studied to be a history teacher, feels she is quite fortunate to have had the opportunity to travel the world as a Brand Ambassador for Diageo, the world's distributor of quality spirits. Prior to joining them in 2003, she was the Florida Tequila Ambassador, but since 2008 has also represented the luxury brands Ketel One and

Ron Zacapa. Her presentation was highly enlightening; these are brands that are hand crafted with dedication and deserving of savoring and appreciation one would award to a fine wine or cognac.

Media was introduced to the Ketel One, produced in Holland of 100% wheat in copper

word of mouth, Diageo was distributing one million cases a year to the U.S. by 2002, their first ad campaign followed a year later. To sample this fine tasting liquor that mixes well to enhance nearly any cocktail recipe, attendees were treated to an alternative to mojitos, made with Ketel One, fresh grapefruit sections, sugar and crushed fresh mint; it was a delightful refreshing start to the evening. The expert advised that vodka is also a viable alternative for those watching their calories; it has only 63 per ounce, compared to sugar-based rum, which has 105.

However, Ron Zacapa Rum



**Ron Zacapa Premium rums**

was the star that night, along with premium Don Julio Tequila, both of which brought gasps of surprise and delight from taste testers during a sniffing and sipping session. These are liquors of a quality so smooth they stand alone, not needing to be mixed to be enjoyed. Ron Zacapa rum is left

to ferment for decades in special oak casks in the mountains



**Rebecca Quiñonez and Beto Wernet**

of Guatemala, more than 2300 meters above sea level. The conditions allow for long time aging, which mellows the rum and encourages interesting undertones to develop. The two selections sampled were Ron Zacapa 23, aged 23 years, and the Solera Grand Reserve XO, aged 25-26 years, depending on its peak. The Solera method of aging is traditionally used for Sherries and this brand is the only one in the world to use concentrated first-pressing sugar cane juice, called "virgin sugar cane honey." Lorena Vazquez is their Master Blender.

Ron Zacapa has won awards from several international competitions and is the first rum to be included in the International Rum Festival's Hall of Fame. The Beverage Testing Institute has given Zacapa a 95 point rating, some dubbing it "The best tasting rum in the world." They have five different labels of varying age, with XO being the top of the line, bottled in a fine crystal decanter made for them in France, which can be reused.

The real surprise for many was the Don Julio Tequilas, taste testers being treated to the Añejo and their top of the line: Real, which also comes in a stunning bottle and package, ideal for gift-giving. Legitimate tequila is only produced in Mexico from the blue agave plant; Agave tequilana is a native succulent of Jalisco, Mexico, where the Don Julio distillery is located. Only the heart of the plant is used, and only once it is 12 years old. Rebecca pointed out that considering the time for growth, harvesting, distilling and aging process, it takes at least 14 years to produce a batch of fine tequila; finer quality "vintages" aged even longer. "Tequila has gotten a bad rap as a cheap liquor," she contends.

The difference could certainly be detected by those who were experienced tequila drinkers and she explained that the Don Julio Real could be compared to a fine cognac, enjoyed as an after dinner drink and perhaps paired with chocolates. Spirit competitions agree: Real tequila was awarded a gold medal at the 2008 San Francisco World Spirits Competition. Priced on Aruba at



**Don Julio Real and Añejo**

about \$250 a bottle, it is a bargain compared to most outlets asking \$300 or more. In a number of gourmet tastings, the Añejo proved an excellent foil to some tangy acidic dishes such as ceviche, a regional favorite, with many chefs choosing to pair the fine Don Julio tequilas as an alternative to wines.

The world of fine liquor was made particularly fascinating by Romar Trading's elegant presentation and Rebecca's passion for and knowledge of her product. Spirits can be enjoyed responsibly, they emphasized. When savored properly for the ardent dedication that goes into producing a beverage of such quality and character, it is indeed a privilege to enjoy, slowly, allowing them to enhance the

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## “Dera Gay tonight at Caribbean Festival



**SAN NICOLAS** -- Every Thursday evening, islanders flock to San Nicolas to enjoy the fabulous bargains and entertainment of the Caribbean Festival, a mix of Aruban and Caribbean traditions kept alive by the multi-cultural make up of Aruba’s “Sunrise City.”

Originally populated by the thousands that came from all over the Caribbean to work at the refinery, the town has savored and preserved the food, music and dance that many brought with them from their various regions. The festival, from 6:00 to 9:15 p.m., revels in the diverse background of San Nicolas, offering unique dishes and beverages, along with a full evening of island entertainment.

This week, “2SWEET” opens the show. A full roster of some of Aruba’s finest criollo entertainers follows including local musical band “Tico y sus Estrellas,” dance groups “Sunrise Dancers,” “The Super Dancers,” and “Baile Folklorico Sta Cruz,” duo father & son “The Jacobs,” limbo dance by “Miguel Philips” and Carnival show by “Carna-Aruba,” and this is only on the main stage! **At Dragon CD: Demonstration of Dera Gay.**

Scattered throughout the main street of San Nicolas are performance areas surround by seating where you can settle in with an island snack or dinner, including music by steel pan Touch of Steel on the stage at CMB Bank and OBS Brass band.”

Island visitors can enjoy the Caribbean festival as part of a complete package available at all De Palm and concierge desks, which include transportation. You can customize you evening by purchasing with or without food and refreshments. A variety of local handicrafts are offered for sale and the event guarantees a good time for all, with an authentic introduction to the island experience.

## Queen makes weekly trips to visit Friso

Queen Beatrix flies to London, every weekend, to visit with her son, Prince Friso, who lies in a coma at Wellington Hospital.

Rumors of the queen’s weekly trips to London were confirmed by her brother-in-law, Pieter van Vollenhoven, who spoke to the Dutch entertainment magazine de Story. Van Vollenhoven is married to the queen’s sister Princess Margriet.

“Only his mother, spouse and brothers have been to visit him,” Van Vollenhoven says.

Van Vollenhoven says he and Princess Margriet have not been to visit Friso because they do not want to impose upon his wife, Princess Mabel. “She is very busy with daily visits with her husband and taking care of their two children.”

Vollenhoven emphasised that Friso and his family will benefit most from being left in peace. “That’s why we haven’t been to visit him. My sons have also not been to visit their cousin.”

On February 17th, Prince

Friso was buried in an avalanche while skiing in Austria. Since the beginning of March, Friso has been receiving treatment at Wellington Hospital in London. In all likelihood the prince will never again regain consciousness.

“This is a terrible set of circumstances,” says Van Vollenhoven. “This is an enormous burden for my sister-in-law and Mabel and the only thing we can do is wait and hope. Friso and his family are constantly in our thoughts.”



Prince Johan Friso

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Obama moves to withhold papers in Mexico arms probe

WASHINGTON (AFP) - President Barack Obama asserted executive privilege yesterday in withholding documents in a gun-running probe, sharpening a battle between the White House and foes in Congress over citing Attorney General Eric Holder for contempt.

The claim of executive privilege, announced in a letter from Holder's deputy to Representative Darrell Issa, came as Issa chaired a House deliberation on placing Holder in contempt for failure to hand over documents related to a flawed program that saw guns knowingly smuggled across the border to Mexico.

The program called "Fast and Furious" was a botched government effort to track arms flows, and Republicans have seized on determining exactly when Holder knew of the program, and who in the administration was aware of it.

"We regret that we have arrived at this point" of Obama's

claim of executive privilege, Deputy Attorney General James Cole wrote in a four-page letter to Issa, who chairs the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

Cole cited "the many steps we have taken to address the committee's concerns and to accommodate the committee's legitimate oversight interests regarding Operation Fast and Furious."

But he stressed that the forced production "of these internal executive branch documents generated in the course of the deliberative process... would have significant, damaging consequences."

Holder met Tuesday night with Issa and ranking Democrat Elijah Cummings, and offered to provide a briefing on the matter and assurances that further documents would be provided. The offer was rejected by Issa who had demanded the documents be handed over before the committee meeting.

### Red Cross eyes evacuation of Syrian civilians

DAMASCUS (AFP) - The Red Cross said yesterday it will try to evacuate hundreds of civilians trapped by fierce fighting in and around the restive city of Homs, as violence killed dozens of people across Syria.

The head of the UN Supervision Mission in Syria, meanwhile, told the UN Security Council of the intensifying violence in the country but said the nearly 300 unarmed monitors were "morally obliged" to stay.

"We are going nowhere," Major General Robert Mood said after the closed meeting.

On the political front, Russia resisted Western pleas to help remove Syria's President Bashar Assad from power despite the escalating hostilities that have battered a UN-backed peace initiative.

"We believe that nobody has the right to decide for other nations who should be in power and who should not," Russian President Vladimir Putin said Tuesday after a G20 summit in Mexico.

The US State Department said Secretary of State Hillary Clinton would meet her Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov in Saint Petersburg next week, as the two sides struggle to find a common stance to end the conflict.

Violence yesterday killed at least 61 people, more than a third of them government troops, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said, as an activists spoke of a "desperate" situation in and around Homs. "Every day there are many wounded from the shelling, and we can't do anything for them because we have nothing

to treat them with," activist Abu Bilal told AFP in Beirut via Skype.

"The shelling is practically constant, and we can't get anybody out of the besieged districts," he added.

Last week the Observatory said more than 1,000 families were stuck in the region around Homs and spoke of dozens of people wounded in urgent need of medical care.

"Electricity has been cut off for four days" in the Old City of Homs and "there's no more flour to bake bread. There really is nothing to eat," said Abu Bilal.

The International Committee of the Red Cross said it was hoping to evacuate civilians stranded in Homs city and bring in relief aid and medical supplies with the help of the Syrian Arab Red Crescent.

### UN experts call for greater protection for journalists

GENEVA (AFP) - An alarming number of journalists are killed each year and those responsible are rarely brought to justice, UN experts said yesterday.

"Journalists who play a crucial role in ensuring a society that takes informed decisions, are killed at an alarming rate by state and non-state actors," said special rapporteur Christof Heyns in a report to the UN Human Rights Council.

Sixty-five journalists were killed in the first five months of 2012 around the world, a 50 percent rise on 2011, according to Swiss news agency ATS.

Of those, Syria saw at least 15 victims, Mexico seven and Somalia six.

In his report Heyns, rapporteur on extrajudicial killings, called for a new specific declaration on the protection of

journalists "that would emphasize the recognised obligations of states with regard to the protection of the right of life and safety of journalists."

Frank La Rue, special rapporteur on freedom of expression, said on the sidelines of the council meeting: "What we are asking for in the report is that in countries that are not in an armed conflict situation, but that are in a situation of extreme violence because they are combating organised crime that harasses journalism from different angles ... that there should be a mechanism of protection."

La Rue said successful steps had been taken in countries including Colombia that "actually saved lives", but the main threat to journalists remained the impunity with which many are targeted

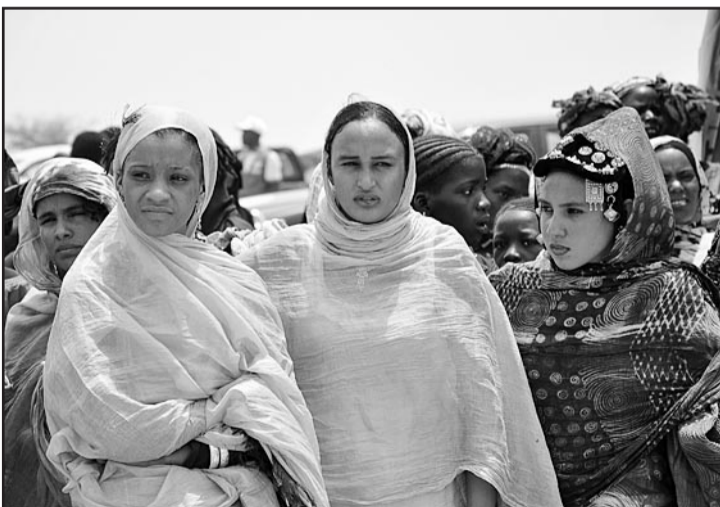
around the world.

"Impunity is a problem all around in terms of humanised violations, but for journalists there is a more emphatic focus with a lack of interest from states and justice systems to investigate violence," he said.

The reasons for this range from the fact that journalists put themselves in danger by investigating governments, large companies, organised crime or money laundering.

In their reports the experts also highlighted the associated problems of self-censorship owing to intimidation.

One of the most immediate challenges is implementing international laws regarding the protection of journalists and making sure that these "are reflected in domestic laws and practices," said La Rue.



**BURKINA FASO, Mentao: AFP photo shows refugees gathering at the refugee camp in Mentao village, some 190 km from Ouagadougou, on June 20, 2012, on the World Refugee Day "1 Family Torn Apart By War is Too Many" by UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).**

## International News

# Obama, Romney to woo key Latino vote

MIAMI (AFP) - US President Barack Obama and his Republican challenger Mitt Romney will openly vie for the key Hispanic vote when they address a major Latino conference in Florida this week.

In a historic move, Obama last week suspended the deportations of young illegal immigrants brought to the United States before the age of 16, who are currently under 30.

The scheme, which applies to people who are in school or have graduated from high school, or have served in the military and have not been convicted of a felony, has been largely welcomed by the Latino community.

But Romney has dismissed the move as being driven by politics, although he has dodged questions about whether he would repeal it.

National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) is hosting the Orlando conference which will be addressed by Romney today and Obama on Friday -- exactly a week after his move to try to bring some of the nation's millions of illegal immigrants out of the shadows.

Other top officials to speak include Governor Rick Scott, former governor Jeb Bush, Cuban-born Senator Marco Rubio, who is being widely touted as a possible vice-presidential pick by Romney and Labor Secretary Hilda Solis.

Hispanic voters are a key voting bloc and voted in droves for Obama when he won the November 2008 elections.

There are 11.5 million illegal immigrants living in the United States, mostly of Hispanic origin, and efforts to deal with their status have foundered over sharp political divisions.

Obama's decision unveiled on Friday will go some way to enshrining the goals of the DREAM Act, legislation backed by the White House that could lead to young illegal immigrants gaining permanent residency.

But the DREAM Act, opposed by Romney and Capitol Hill conservatives, has repeatedly failed to pass Congress and become law, leading to frustration among the Hispanic community.

Obama promised to work towards comprehensive immigration reform when he ran for office but has made little progress. Now the president is pledging to tackle the issue if he wins a second term.

"I'm very grateful that President Obama has decided, after a great amount of pressure from DREAMers, to give us administrative relief," said activist Felipe Matos, national director of the GetEqual.org campaign, which defends the rights of undocumented students.

Matos, who is of Brazilian origin, is one of the hundreds of thousands of young people who will benefit from Obama's reform.

But he warned Romney "is in trouble with Latino voters and he will continue to dig a deep hole for himself unless he decides to support President Obama's decision to stop deportation of DREAMers."

"Ninety percent of Latino voters support the DREAM Act, and he pledged to veto it. Now he doesn't seem compelled to give us a clear answer whether or not he would commence deporting DREAM Act eligible youth if he gets elected."

In an NBC/Wall Street Journal poll last month, Obama led Romney among registered Hispanic voters, 61 to 27 percent.

Romney has taken a tough stand on illegal immigrants, and at one point was proposing that those in the country illegally should voluntarily go back to their countries and join the back of the line for a visa.

Questioning the president's timing in unveiling the policy, Romney on Sunday accused Obama of political brinkmanship in relying on "stopgap measures" rather than a long-term fix.

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## Murder charge against Tymoshenko 'absurd': lawyer

KIEV (AFP) - The lawyer for Ukraine's jailed former prime minister Yulia Tymoshenko said it was absurd that the opposition leader could face charges over the murder of a lawmaker in 1996.

"They are starting to invent all kinds of madness so as to show the West that she is a criminal," said the lawyer, Sergui Vlassenko. "But their accusations are absurd."

"They have a savage desire to keep Yulia Tymoshenko in prison under no matter what pretext," he added.

Deputy Prosecutor General Renat Kuzmin said in a newspaper interview that he was planning to charge Tymoshenko over the murder of lawmaker Yevgen Shcherban in 1996, and that the only obstacle was her current hospitalisation for severe back pain.

The lawmaker was gunned down along with his wife at Donetsk airport in a contract killing the Ukrainian legal au-

thorities have also linked to ex-prime minister and former Tymoshenko ally Pavlo Lazarenko.

"We have enough proof confirming Tymoshenko's implication in this murder and we are intending to present her with

charges," Kuzmin told the Ukrainian edition of Kommersant on Monday.

Tymoshenko is already serving a seven-year sentence for abuse of power while in office, which she says was ordered by President Viktor Yanukovich





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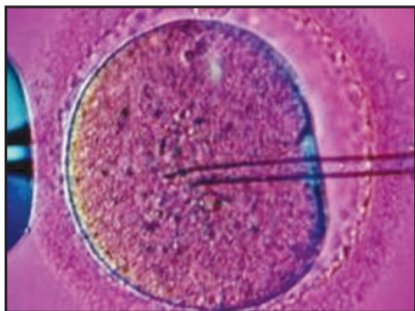
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## Health & Living

### Singapore mother sues clinic over IVF mix-up: report



the baby's blood type was B while her and her husband's were groups O and A, a scientific impossibility if they were the two biological parents.

The baby remains in the couple's care but the Straits Times, citing court documents, reported that the two were "utterly devastated" by the incident.

Thomson Fertility Centre said in a statement emailed to AFP that it "acknowledged the unfortunate incident and accepted its responsibilities in the IVF matter".

SINGAPORE (AFP) - A Singapore mother is suing a clinic for alleged negligence after it mixed up her husband's sperm with that of a stranger during in vitro fertilisation, a report said Wednesday.

The ethnic Chinese woman first suspected that something was amiss when her baby, who was born in 2010, had markedly different skin tone and hair colour from her Caucasian husband, the Straits Times newspaper reported.

Thomson Fertility Centre, a Singapore clinic which carried out the IVF procedure, has admitted the error and said it is up now up to the courts to decide on the level of compensation.

The 36-year-old, who cannot be named because the baby girl is a minor, is suing the centre for unspecified damages on grounds that the mix-up has caused her personal trauma, the report said.

She is also suing the centre's parent company, Thomson Medical Group, and the two embryologists who were involved in her IVF.

According to the report, the woman's husband has refused to acknowledge the baby girl as his daughter in a move that has financial implications for the mother.

Her suspicions about a mix-up were confirmed after her paediatrician informed her that

### 46 million Americans lack health insurance: report

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A total of 46.3 million people in the United States do not have health coverage, a trend that has been rising in the past 15 years, said a US survey published Tuesday.

There was good news for children in the data from the 2011 National Health Interview Survey, which showed that seven percent of US youths were uninsured last year at the time of the interview, compared to 13.9 percent in 1997.

But for adults aged 18-64, it was a different story. For that group, lack of health insurance coverage was 21.3 percent in 2011, making up 40.7 million people, according



to the data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The study recorded the fewest uninsured adults in 1997 (13.9 percent). The high point came in 2010 when 22.3 percent of the population was uninsured.

"There has been a generally increasing trend in the percentage of adults aged 18-64 who lacked coverage at the time of interview," said the study, which was based on survey results from 32 of the 50 states.

The change in children's coverage status was largely explained by a 36.5 percentage point rise in government-sponsored public coverage for the

poor from 1997 to 2011.

Meanwhile, the rate of private coverage among low-income children was 25.1 percentage points lower in 2011 than in 1997.

Private coverage held by adults also declined over the period studied.

The survey comes as the US Supreme Court is expected to rule any day on lawsuits challenging President Barack Obama's signature health care reform package.

The ruling could halt key parts or all of the package, which aimed at requiring all citizens to have health care coverage and at creating cheaper coverage options.



(AFP) - Coca-Cola CEO Muhtar Kent insists his company is not responsible for the rise in US obesity despite New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg's recent moves to limit the consumption of sugary drinks. His remarks came just weeks after the health-conscious Bloomberg proposed a ban on super-sized soft drinks that would restrict the sale to 16-ounce servings, more than an average can but far less than the bucket-sized beverages offered at cinemas, service stations and sporting events. Kent said Coca-Cola has diversified from its namesake, offering a wide range of healthy teas, juices, sports drinks and other products. Bloomberg said the proposed ban was needed to confront the "epidemic" of obesity in the United States, which contributes to rising health costs. Critics have derided the proposed ban as a "nanny state" overreach of government power.

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**2012 Dirty Dozen**

1. Apples
2. Celery
3. Sweet bell peppers
4. Peaches
5. Strawberries
6. Imported nectarines
7. Grapes
8. Spinach
9. Lettuce
10. Cucumbers
11. Domestic blueberries
12. Potatoes

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1. Onions
2. Sweet corn
3. Pineapples
4. Avocado
5. Cabbage
6. Sweet peas

7. Asparagus
8. Mangoes
9. Eggplant
10. Kiwi
11. Domestic cantaloupe
12. Sweet potatoes
13. Grapefruit
14. Watermelon
15. Mushrooms

**Some other notes from the study:**

- Approximately 98% of conventionally-grown apples have detectable levels of pesticides.
- Domestic blueberries tested positive for 42 different pesticide residues.
- 78 different pesticides were found on lettuce samples.
- Every single nectarine the USDA tested had measurable pesticide residues.
- Grapes have more types of pesticides than any other fruit, with 64 different chemicals found in the category altogether.
- 13 different pesticides were measured on a single sample celery and of strawberries. The category was created this year to highlight crops that did not meet traditional Dirty Dozen criteria but are still commonly contaminated with organophosphate insecticides, which are toxic to the nervous system.



**LOS ANGELES, CA -AFP:** The Microsoft tablet Surface with Touch Type is unveiled during a news conference at Milk Studios on June 18, 2012 in Los Angeles, California. The new Surface tablet utilizes a 10.6 inch screen with a cover that contains a full multitouch keyboard.

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**Palm oil for India 'destroying Indonesian forests'**

(AFP) - Surging demand for palm oil in India for cooking and everyday grocery items is driving tropical forest destruction in Indonesia, Greenpeace said.

"We are asking Indian consumers now to stop buying products made from unsustainable Indonesian palm oil." Greenpeace forest campaigner Mohammed Iqbal Abisaputra said in Jakarta.

Booming India is the world's hungriest nation for palm oil, consuming almost 7.4 million tonnes last year, or 15 percent of global production, almost all of it imported, US Foreign Agricultural Service data show.

Of that amount, 5.8 million tonnes is imported from Indonesian companies, many of which Greenpeace claims are illegally clearing carbon-rich peatland.

One company targeted by the group is Duta Palma, which owns 155,000 hectares of palm oil plantations in Indonesia, the report says.

The company is deforesting peatland up to eight metres deep on the islands of Sumatra and Borneo, the report says, despite a law banning the clearance of peatland more than three metres deep.

Greenpeace also claims fires continue to burn on peatland within the company's concession, even though the slash-and-burn technique for forest clearance is illegal.

The report comes after a string of successful consumer-targeted Greenpeace campaigns, in which brands like Barbie-maker Mattel and food-maker Kraft dropped paper packaging contracts with Asia Pulp & Paper, who

were accused of logging outside their concession area.

The focus on India marks a shift in Greenpeace's strategy to consumers in developing countries.

"Asian countries will be among the first to feel the effects of climate change, so we can no longer act as if it's Europe or America's problem," Abisaputra said.

Indonesia has implemented a two-year moratorium on issuing new logging concessions on peatland and other high-conservation forest. But unsustainable logging continues within companies' existing concessions.

Before the moratorium, 80 percent of Indonesia's greenhouse gas emissions came from deforestation, UN data show, making it the world's third-biggest emitter.

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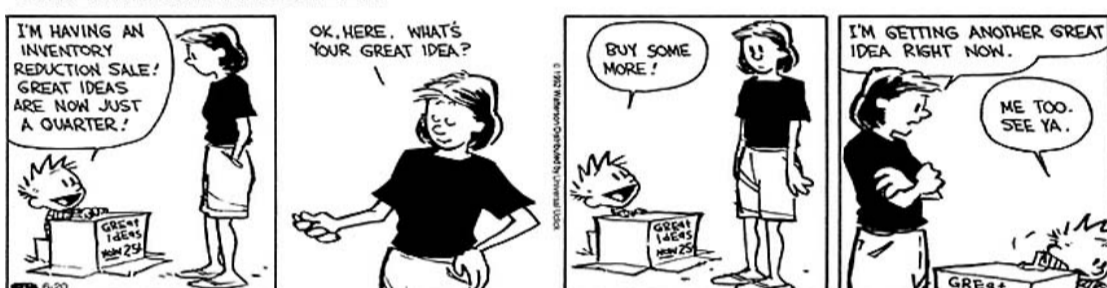
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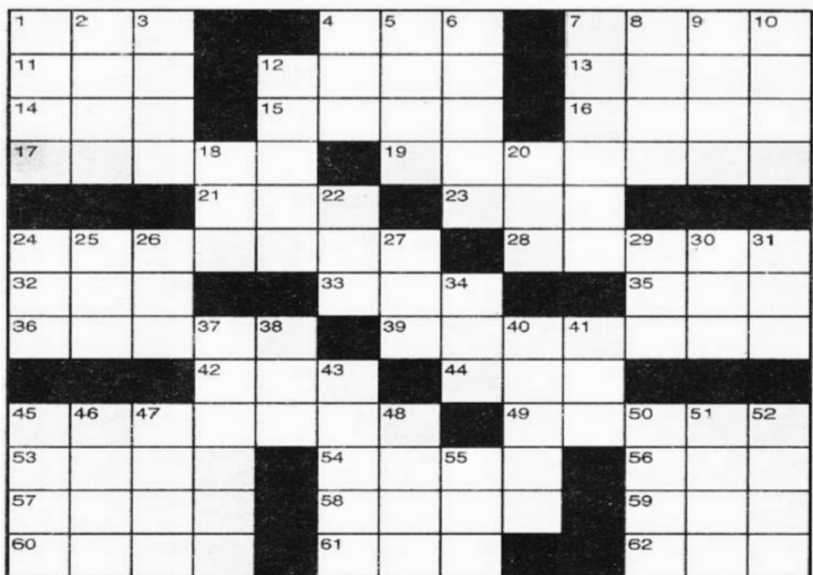
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# Eurozone crisis spreads as Spain fights bailout fears

The eurozone crisis widened yesterday as a diplomat said Cyprus would soon request aid from Russia and EU partners, while Spain battled fears it will need a full debt rescue.

European leaders also faced mounting pressure from G20 partners to restore growth and accelerate integration to end a crisis threatening to tear apart the 17-nation eurozone and undermine the global economy.

In Greece, at the heart of the debt nightmare, conservative leader Antonis Samaras was sworn in as prime minister of a pro-euro coalition government bent on changing terms of its bailout to ease public anger over austerity measures.

And as a relative political stability returned in Athens, Spain was to officially request up to 100 billion euros (\$127 billion) to recapitalize its ailing banks at a meeting of eurozone finance ministers on Thursday.

But Spanish Budget Minister Cristobal Montoro insisted that his country would not need a full-blown rescue like Greece, Ireland and Portugal before it.

"Spain has not been rescued because it does not need to be rescued," Montoro told the country's parliament.

Taking a cue from Spain, Cyprus will probably request next week eurozone aid to save its banks, which are heavily exposed to the Greek eco-

nomy, an EU diplomat said.

The crisis-hit Mediterranean island will "first try to get a bilateral loan from Russia" this week totalling between 3.0-5.0 billion euros, the diplomat said on condition of anonymity.

Cyprus, which is taking over the European Union's rotating presidency as soon as July 1, has already secured a 2.5-billion-euro low-interest loan from Russia to cover its refinancing needs for this year.

Estimates are that Cyprus needs around 4.0 billion euros to prop up its banks and help narrow the budget deficit, which widened last year to double the EU ceiling of three percent of gross domestic product (GDP).

EU leaders, fresh from a G20 summit in Mexico that ended Tuesday, are gearing up for a series of meetings this month focused on containing the crisis, which has put the economies of Spain and Italy at risk.

Finance ministers meet today while the leaders of the eurozone's Big Four of Germany, France, Italy and Spain gather in Rome on Friday. The talks will lay the groundwork

for a full EU summit in Brussels on June 28-29.

The aim of the summit is to come up with a pro-growth strategy to bring down record unemployment, but governments are divided over whether to tone down the austerity drive championed by Germany.

Europeans are also under pressure to deepen economic and fiscal integration within the 17-nation eurozone.

But a key report on integrating eurozone economic and monetary union has yet to be shared around capitals; plans for a banking union are being considered only on a step-by-step basis; and ideas for strengthening financial firefighting capacity remain mired in disagreement.

The United States, the International Monetary Fund and the European Central Bank have all urged greater banking integration in Europe.

Another idea, allowing the eurozone rescue fund to buy Italian and Spanish bonds to lower the countries' soaring borrowing costs, was described by the European Commission as a temporary solution.

## Finance

### Fed slashes US growth rate forecast

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The Federal Reserve yesterday slashed its estimate for the economy's growth this year by a half point, and projected unemployment would be higher than it thought just two months ago.

The Fed projected gross domestic product would grow a maximum of 2.4 percent by the end of the year, and the jobless rate would rise to as high as 8.2 percent.

The central bank showed a more pessimistic view of the economy since its April 25 projections, when it put maximum GDP growth at 2.9 percent and the jobless rate falling to an upper-end 8.0 percent.

With the economy growing slowly and energy prices, especially gasoline, on the downswing, inflationary pressures were lower than thought. The Fed cut its estimates for inflation to a range of 1.2-1.7 percent, compared with the April projection of 1.9-2.0 percent.

Core inflation, excluding food and energy prices, was

seen as roughly stable, at 1.7-2.0 percent.

For the longer term, the Fed lowered its GDP growth readings for 2013 and 2015. Top growth for 2013 was estimated at 2.8 percent, down from 3.1 percent in April.

The revision was considerably smaller for 2014: top growth of 3.0 percent, a tenth point lower.

Unemployment was expected to fall more slowly than previously estimated, to a maximum rate of 8.0 percent in 2013 and 7.7 percent in 2014. In April, the top end was seen at 7.7 percent and 7.4 percent, respectively.

### Merkel: 'No concrete plans' for bailout funds to buy

BERLIN (AFP) - German Chancellor Angela Merkel said yesterday there were "no concrete plans" for the EU bailout funds to buy the bonds of struggling countries to drive down their borrowing costs.

While it is "one of the op-

tions" of the bailout funds to buy bonds, "there are no concrete plans" to do so, Merkel said after talks with her Dutch counterpart Mark Rutte here.

"There are no concrete plans that I know of but there is the possibility in the EFSF and the ESM to buy bonds on the secondary market, bound up of course always with conditions," Merkel said.

"But that is a purely theoretical comment about the contractual situation," she stressed. "This is not a subject for debate right now."

According to media reports, Italian Prime Minister Mario Monti said EU leaders were considering using the bloc's bailout funds to buy bonds of struggling countries in a bid to pull down high borrowing costs.

A spokesman for the German government told a news conference earlier yesterday that the terms of the funds, the EFSF and the ESM, already allowed for buying bonds and that such purchases were attached to conditions.

### Cuba slams \$619 mn US fine on Dutch bank ING

HAVANA (AFP) - Cuba yesterday denounced as a "joke" a \$619 million fine imposed last week by the US Treasury Department against Dutch bank ING for transactions with Havana and other blacklisted governments.

"The government of Cuba denounces before the entire world this latest affront" by the US government, Havana said in a statement.

The measure "constitutes a joke in the face of the universal demand that the United States put an end to its embargo against Cuba," the statement said.

The US government announced last week that it had reached a settlement with the bank over its transactions with Cuba, Iran, Myanmar, Sudan and now-repealed sanctions against Libya.

"ING Bank's apparent violations, which totaled more than \$1.6 billion routed through the United States despite US sanctions, arose out of policies at multiple offices of ING Bank's Wholesale Banking Division," the US statement said.

"For more than a decade, ING Bank helped provide state

sponsors of terror and other sanctioned entities with access to the US financial system, allowing them to move billions of dollars through US banks for illicit purchases and other activities."

ING Bank last week said it had "cooperated closely and constructively with regulators" investigating the violations, and that it had closed offices and ended relationships that had given rise to the problems.

The Treasury Department said the settlement is the largest of any kind with the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) to date, the department said.

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The honorees are Mr. Walter and Mrs. Joellyn Garside from Salem, New Hampshire, USA. Walter and Joellyn love the Island very much because of the friendly people and the culture, the climate, beaches

and restaurants. Walter has been visiting the Island for 147 times and Joellyn for 127 times consecutively, during these 20 years. Many are the friends and relatives whom have been coming to the island with the couple through the years, and some of them even bought houses here. The Aruba Tourism Authority congratulates Walter and Joellyn for being an Ambassador of Good Will of Aruba and wishes to see them for many more years in Aruba.. The certificate was presented by Mr. Ernest Giel representing the

Aruba Tourism Authority in the company of the Garside's best Aruban friends, Taxi drivers Mr. Rudolf Noquera and Mr. Erwin Geerman and other Aruban friends.

## YouTube piano sensation makes London debut



LONDON (AFP) - A pianist who launched her career by posting videos of herself on YouTube translated her online success into reality with a solo performance at one of the world's most famous music venues on Tuesday.

Ukrainian-born Valentina Lisitsa dazzled a crowd of thousands at London's Royal Albert Hall, her fingers flying through a two-and-a-half-hour virtuoso performance.

The blonde 42-year-old, known as the Justin Bieber of the classical music world because of her route to fame, had advertised the concert on her YouTube page and website, allowing fans from around the world to pick her programme.

The final selection included two pieces that are among her most-viewed hits on YouTube, Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata" and Rachmaninov's etude, popularly known as

"Little Red Riding Hood".

While holding the audience spellbound with her playing, she also won over the largely British crowd of some 2,500 by referring to the evening as a special night not because of her performance, but it coincided with England meeting co-hosts Ukraine at the Euro 2012 football tournament.

The concert will be broadcast in full on YouTube at a later date.

Lisitsa, who began playing the piano at the age of three in Kiev, began promoting herself on the video-sharing website five years ago when she posted a video of herself playing the Rachmaninov etude.

Since then, her 180-odd videos have garnered more than 43 million hits and she has been signed by the Decca Classics label owned by Universal.



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## No laughing matter as India yoga gigglers banned

MUMBAI (AFP) - They are designed to reduce stress and improve well-being, but one laughing yoga club in Mumbai has been ordered to stop its early morning giggling sessions after complaints from grumpy neighbours.

The Bombay High Court told police to clamp down on the laughing yoga group after a 78-year-old resident complained it caused "mental agony, pain and public nuisance", the DNA newspaper reported.

"It is not proper to gather outside somebody's house and laugh," judges said while hearing the public interest lawsuit filed by Vinayak Shirsat from the Kurla suburb of Mumbai.

According to Shirsat's petition, 10 to 15 members of the group gather at 7:00 am to sing,

clap and indulge in "loud and vigorous spells of laughter".

"They laugh at the top of their voices; every member encourages the others to laugh to their heart's content," the complainant said.

Laughing yoga was made popular as an exercise routine by Indian physician Madan Kataria in Mumbai in 1995, based on the principle that laughter has physiological benefits.

Laughter clubs, at which members burst into infectious giggles, have since caught on in many cities in India and abroad.

The court on Monday gave police a week to inform judges how they planned to restrain the club from causing problems.

## Topless painter causes stir on Thai talent show



BANGKOK (AFP) - Thailand's Culture Ministry on Monday demanded an explanation from the producer of a talent show which broadcast a female contestant painting with her bare breasts on national television.

"Society has criticised this show and we need to seek an answer," Culture Minister Sukumol Kunplome told AFP.

The contestant on the Sunday show of "Thailand's Got Talent" removed her shirt and bra before pouring tins of coloured paint on her breasts, which she rubbed on the canvas as the judges watched

open-mouthed and the audience cheered.

She was voted through to the next round by two male judges, to the dismay of the sole female judge. The show's producer was not available to comment.

Despite Thailand's flourishing sex industry, officials in the kingdom often criticise raunchy activities in public.

Last week the Culture Ministry said it had filed a complaint to police against US pop diva Lady Gaga for using the Thai flag during her show last month while wearing a skimpy outfit.

# Fiesta di San Juan y Dera Gai

Fiesta di San Juan y Dera Gai is an Aruban tradition celebrated every year on June 24. History tells that San Juan festivities originated on the South part of Mexico and came down to Guatemala and other countries in Central America reaching Venezuela and passed down to Aruba.

It is a custom brought by the missionaries who evangelized the villages, by introducing a tradition for the remembrance to the sacrifice of apostle San Juan Bautista, who according to the Biblical history was decapitated by order of King Herodes, since he liked princess Salomé.

When the Spanish ruled the island, they brought a couple of missionaries to educate the locals about Christianity. The place they started to preach is where the Alto Vista Chapel is situated now. The first 2 missionaries are still to be found buried on the right front side of the chapel entrance. The missionaries allowed the natives by then to preserve some of their pagan celebrations like Dera Gai, Dande and the Carnival. That is why they combined the harvesting celebration with Saint John day.

Aruba celebrates San Juan in a unique way. San Juan festivities in the early times had to do more with superstition. Mainly because the natives believed in spirits and several Gods, and they were very afraid of them. In order to be in the good grace of the Gods and spirits, they had to make several offerings. One of these was for the harvest. The purpose of the festival of harvest was to thank the many Gods for the good harvest year and to request them to bless the harvests for the following year.

In early times cunukeronan (coo-noo-ker-o-nan, Aruban farmers) after harvesting, they stored the trunks of the several plants like corn and other types of wood, so that they could be burned on San Juan (Saint John's Day). The farmers would then burn the woods, on the night before San Juan as well as throughout the day. Fire means purification and it scares away bad luck resulting in a better harvest the following year.

During the festivities, there were several games like jumping over fire, typical dances, singing, stories and joked being told, all this done around the fire. This festivity was something big in Aruba - it was a holiday. In the past, on June 23rd workers were given the afternoon off and the June 24 the whole day. The festivities start when the night arrives on



San Juan's Eve.

The tradition to bury a living rooster (dera = bury and gai = rooster) was very common in those days. Nowadays it is obviously unthinkable to



do such a thing.

Every town had its own festivity. The most important dance was where a rooster is buried leaving only its head

San Juan, they expanded the tradition, where now men named Juan have preference over the others. The man is spun around so that he get disoriented and no longer knows the exact location of the rooster. Then with a corn stick, he has to hit the rooster's head. He has 3 chances, and if he misses another man is given the opportunity. An experienced dancer is guided by the wind and uses his foot to feel the ground in search of the rooster, because as a rule you are not to feel the ground with the stick.

During these festivities, women are dressed with long yellow dresses and yellow hair holders dancing in a choreographed manner. The musicians are dressed in yellow or red with a colorful band tightened on their hips. The instruments used consist mostly of drums and other noisemaker devices. While the music plays, the dancer has to hit the rooster, but the stick is not to touch the ground, or he loses his turn. This is done to sym-



above the ground. Over the years this has been replaced with a calabash gourd, and nowadays a synthetic rooster is placed above the ground. A man is then selected from the crowd and is blindfolded. He is then asked to kill the rooster by hitting its head real hard with a stick.

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bolize the three times the rooster sang when Saint Peter lied about not knowing Jesus, according to the bible.

Up to this day, Dera Gai is still celebrated in every town. Needless to say that the fire department has their hands very full putting out some of the fires that get out of hand ...

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## Euro '96 hero Poborsky sees history repeating itself



1996-Karel Poborsky's superb lobbed goal in 53rd minute against Portugal, which sent the team into the semi-finals.

PRAGUE (AFP) - The Czech Republic's most capped player Karel Poborsky said on Wednesday that he saw similarities between the Euro '96 finalists and the one competing here at Euro 2012.

Poborsky, who won 118 caps between 1994-2006, said that just as in 1996 this Czech side had made a bad start only to get better as it went along, and like 1996 they face Portugal in the quarter-finals.

The 40-year-old former Manchester United and Lazio star decided that match with a stunning lob which completely caught Portuguese goalkeeper Vitor Baia unawares - the Czechs subsequently beat the French in the semi-finals only to lose to an Oliver Bierhoff golden goal for Germany in the final.

Poborsky, who was also to be part of the flair-filled Czech side that reached the 2004 semi-finals, said he could see a similar type of goal proving the difference in today's match.

"Everyone remembers that goal, everyone talks about it," he said.

Poborsky, who was the old man of the team in 2004 which featured present squad members Petr Cech, Tomas Rosicky and Milan Baros, said the Czechs could upset the Portuguese.

"Just like us in 1996, the boys haven't started very well, but after that found the strength to bounce back," he said. "It is crucial that they play as a team and repeat the performance they put together in the second-half of their group match against Poland," added Poborsky, referring to the 1-0 win in the final group match last Saturday that saw them top the group.

Meanwhile Paulo Bento said he won't be changing his tactics as his Portugal team take on the Czech Republic in the Euro 2012 quarter-finals in Warsaw today.

Czech coach Michal Bilek had already admitted he would be setting his team out more defensively to cope with the attacking threat of Portugal captain Cristiano Ronaldo.

But adapting his team to cater for others is not part of Bento's plan.

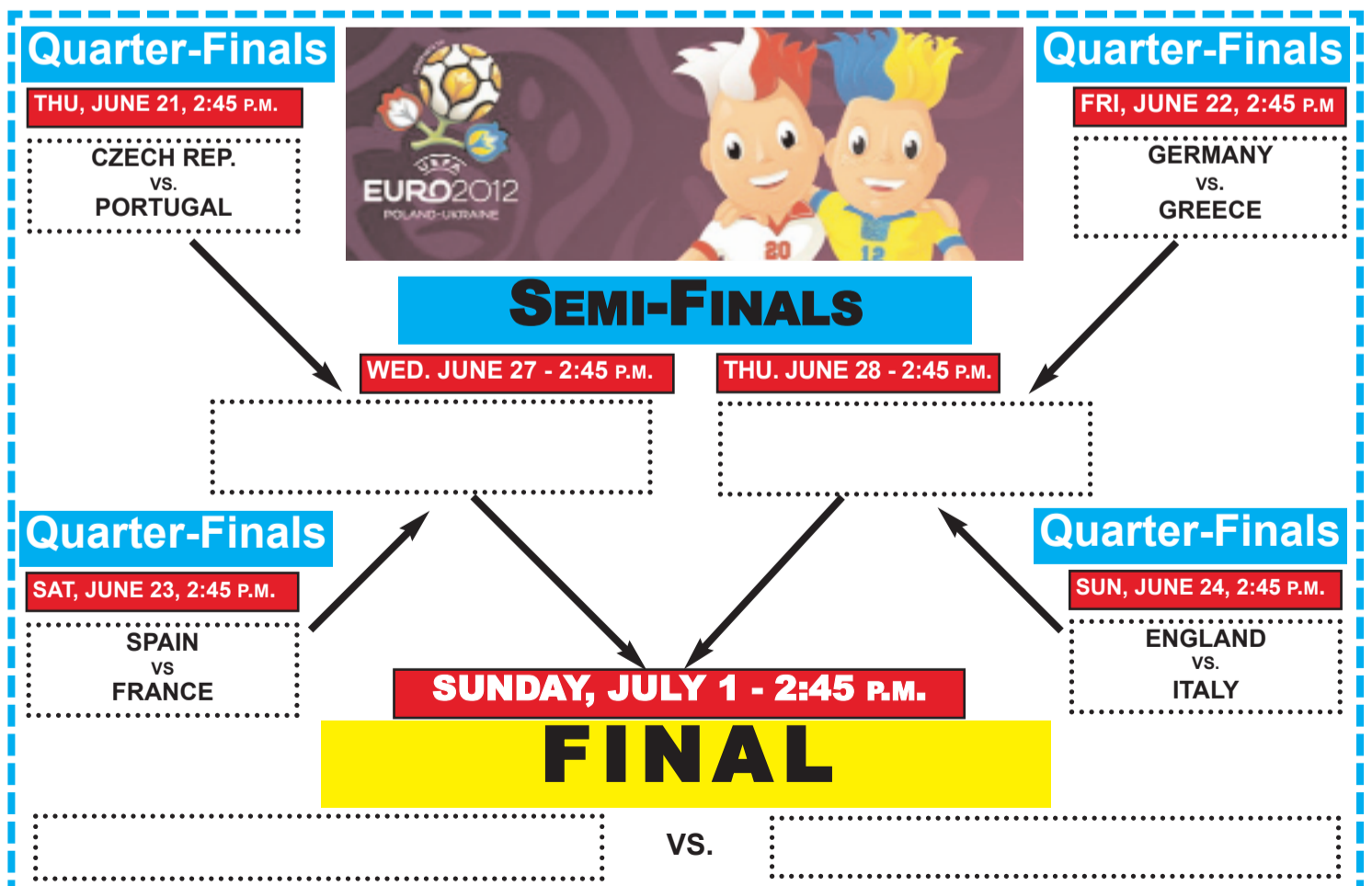
"All of us are trying to hide some aspects of our strategy but one thing that always changes your strategy is a goal," he said.

One element that doesn't come under strategy is the form of captain and star player Cristiano Ronaldo, who burst into life in Portugal's last group game with a brace to down the Netherlands 2-1.

And Bento says with a player like that he simply tries to guide him in the right direction.

Ronaldo may dominate the headlines but his midfield team-mate Moutinho says it's justified.

If the Czechs were hoping for any tips from Moutinho on how to stop Ronaldo, they were to be disappointed.



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## Webb joins Bubba, Keegan in major champs trio

CROMWELL, (AFP) - New US Open champion Webb Simpson is making a quick PGA return this week, joining fellow reigning US major champions Bubba Watson and Keegan Bradley at the Travelers Championship.

Masters champion Watson and 2011 PGA Championship winner Bradley will play together with Simpson on Thursday afternoon and start from the 10th tee on Friday morning at the \$6 million event.

Simpson never considered



skipping the tournament, repaying the loyalty shown when sponsors gave him an exemption in 2008 to play when he was just out of college.

"It's a great week for me to kind of unwind from the US Open, but be able to put my focus elsewhere and kind of get away from just reflecting and thinking about it and trying to put my focus on trying to win this golf tournament."

Simpson caught a late-night flight from California on Sunday after his US Open victory at The Olympic Club and snubbed offers from talk shows to focus on giving his best this week at TPC River Highlands.

Simpson, who was 13th at the Travelers a year ago, is also committed to missing next month's British Open to be with his wife for the birth of their second child.

Simpson is following the advice he sought after his US Open triumph from Watson, who won the Masters last April in a dramatic playoff, on how to cope with the extra attention of being a major champion.

"I said, 'You're going to have more fans. You're going to have more people wanting you to sign, and your agent is going to have more things for you to do -- you are just going to have to be able to say no and do what's right for you and your family, not what's right for other people,'" Watson said.

Watson spent two days after the Masters on a whirlwind media tour before playing in New Orleans and then taking a month off, he and his wife Angie having just adopted a baby son before the Masters.

Watson is still finalizing the adoption paperwork and making a move from North Carolina to Orlando. He has missed two of three cuts since winning the Masters but trying to find his top form and settle the chaos outside of golf.

process." Watson's first career title came at the 2010 Travelers, also in a playoff.

Bradley is trying to regain his form as well after a strong start to the season that saw him share second at Phoenix and manage seven other top-20 finishes. Since placing 27th at

the Masters, he has missed three of six cuts and finished no better than 24th.

American Patrick Cantlay will make his professional debut this week, playing alongside fellow 20-year-old Ryo Ishikawa of Japan and John Peterson, an American who shared fourth at the US Open.

Cantlay fired a course-record 60 in the second round of last year's Travelers, the

lowest score ever fired by an amateur in a PGA event. He eventually shared 24th and the effort helped him decide to turn professional.

Ishikawa is a special temporary member who is on the verge of obtaining full PGA membership for next year after a runner-up showing in Puerto Rico and a share of ninth earlier this month at the Memorial.

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## NBA: Heat one win away from second title



LeBron James (C) of the Miami Heat goes the basket against Kendrick Perkins (L) and Thabo Sefolosha (R) of the Oklahoma City Thunder during Game Four

MIAMI (AFP) - A hobbled LeBron James hit the go-ahead three-pointer with 2:51 to play Tuesday as the Miami Heat rallied to beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 104-98 to move within one victory of the NBA title.

James had 26 points, 12 assists and nine rebounds, while Dwyane Wade and Mario Chalmers each scored 25 points for the Heat -- who took a 3-1 stranglehold on the best-of-seven championship series.

"Four or five plays, that's what this series is coming down to," said Miami coach Erik Spoelstra. "That is what this game came down to."

"This is competition at its fiercest."

The Heat, who won the title in 2006, can win their second championship in franchise history with a victory in game five today in Miami.

With James on the bench suffering from bad leg cramps in the fourth, Chalmers helped secure the victory with a layup with 44 seconds left that made it 101-96.

The victory spoiled a brilliant offensive performance by Thunder guard Russell Westbrook, who finished with a game-high 43 points.

Kevin Durant had 28 points for the Thunder, who got off to their best start of the series in

the first quarter but couldn't execute as well as the Heat down the stretch.

James nailed a three-point shot to break a 94-94 tie late in the fourth. The basket came about a minute after he had re-entered the game, having injured his left thigh earlier in the quarter when he slipped on a drive to the basket.

He sat out for just over a minute the first time he hurt the leg, returned to action and sank the crucial three pointer. He then had to be helped to the bench a second time and stayed there for the final minute of the game to get treatment from the trainers while his teammates closed it out.

Spoelstra said James's problem wasn't serious but it caused him a lot of pain in the final minutes of the fourth and he couldn't risk leaving him out there.

"LeBron had cramps," Spoelstra said. "We talked about playing with an intensity until you had nothing left by the end of the game and he did. It was warm in the building. He just had some cramps at the end."

It was a physical contest with huge momentum swings in the first half as the Heat had to overcome a 17-point deficit in the first quarter.

Westbrook was the catalyst for the Thunder, scoring 17 points in the fourth, including 13 straight Oklahoma City points during one stretch in the final quarter to keep the score close.

With Westbrook igniting the offence, the Thunder had stormed out of the gate by shooting 62 percent from the floor in the first quarter. Westbrook scored 10 points as the Thunder led 33-19 at the end of the period.

Wade and James answered for the Heat, pacing the attack in the second as the Heat went on a 13-0 scoring run to the start the quarter and tied the game 35-35 in the first four minutes.

Miami never led in the second quarter but they closed the gap to 49-46 at the intermission with the help of seven points by Wade and James who almost had a triple double at halftime.

## Defense rests in pedophile trial of US coach



BELLEFONTE (AFP) - US defense lawyers on Wednesday rested their case in the pedophilia trial of former assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky, without calling him to the stand.

Closing arguments are now expected in the trial of Sandusky, 68, once a well-respected assistant coach at Penn



Kevin Durant #35 of the Oklahoma City Thunder drives for a shot attempt against Shane Battier #31 and Udonis Haslem #40 of the Miami Heat in Game Four

After their blazing start, the Thunder shot just 30 percent from the field in the second quarter.

The Thunder finished off the scoring in the third quarter with a three-point play to cut the Heat lead to four, 79-75. With just three seconds left, Westbrook hit a jumper and Durant was fouled in the paint

then made the free throw.

For the first time since game one of the series, Durant wasn't in foul trouble in the third. He had just two fouls heading into the final quarter so was able to stay in the game during key stretches in the third as the Thunder kept the score close.

State, one of the nation's top college American football teams.

Sandusky, who stands accused of molesting nine boys over a 15-year period, allegedly recruited his young victims under the guise of a program he ran for abused and neglected youth. Charges relating to a 10th boy were dropped because his testimony showed it was barred by the statute of limitations.

Prosecutors have dubbed Sandusky a "systematic serial predator" with adult witnesses coming forward to allege that as teenagers they were sexually abused and raped by him.

But Sandusky's defense team has sought to cast doubt on the credibility of the alleged victims, implying at times they were fabricating stories hoping for a large payout from a lawsuit.

The case has shocked the United States, where many are obsessed by college sports and hold up their American football team's coaches as demigods.

Prosecutors said Sandusky recruited his victims through his Second Mile charity, which went bankrupt last month after donations dried up in the wake of the scandal.

Two university officials, former athletic director Tim Curley and vice president Gary Schultz are also charged with lying to the grand jury regarding what they knew about sexual abuse allegations and failing to report them.

They are to be tried separately. Prosecutors are also said to be eyeing charges against the university president Graham Spanier for failing to report the incidents.